

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Thomas, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore (via telephone), Councilman Tee Tyler, and Councilman Scott Bracken

Excused: Councilman Mike Peterson

Staff Present: City Manager Liane Stillman, City Attorney Shane Topham, Administrative Services Director Linda Dunlavy, Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Victim Advocate April Ryce, Chief Robby Russo, Public Works Director Mike Allen, Planning Director Brian Berndt, Public Relations Specialist Stephanie Archibald, Assistant Chief Mike Watson

ALSO PRESENT: Todd Leeds

1.0 **WELCOME/PLEDGE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

1.1 Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Thomas opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those attending.

2.0 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

2.1 Todd Leeds stated that while on the campaign trail he spoke to numerous people with the overriding theme being bicycle and pedestrian safety. He commended the City for working on bicycle paths, but considers this only a starting point. He believes that the problem for the City is that there is no comprehensive plan or vision for bicycle safety. He said that for those who commute on bicycles, a bike lane must be continuous, lead somewhere, and be safely signed. He suggested the City come up with a comprehensive and detailed plan and determine how to move cyclists through the City.

Mr. Leeds was informed that Bengal Boulevard is on schedule to have bike lanes painted on the next restriping.

3.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-44-A Approving the Petition for Disconnection**

b. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-44-D Denying the Petition for Disconnection**

3.1.1 Councilman Tyler stated that the Petition for Disconnection has been a topic of much conversation, public hearings, and opportunities for public input. It is something the Council has taken very seriously for a very long time.

3.1.2 **MOTION:** Councilman Tyler moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-44-D denying the petition for disconnection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bracken and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4.0 **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS**

4.1 **October Police Report**

- 4.1.1 Police Support Specialist Sheila Jennings presented the October Police Report and reported on the Drug Take Back event held the previous Saturday. It was a successful nationwide event sponsored in part by the DEA where nearly 125.5 pounds of over-the-counter and prescription medications were collected. The City partnered with Target, who hosted the event, and MADD, who offered flu shots to the first 50 participants. Ms. Jennings stated that this was the third time the event has been held. In the past, nearly 400 pounds of medications were collected. She attributed the decrease to the fact that people are increasingly aware of the drop box at the station. She also noted that there were numerous other similar events taking place throughout the country.

Ms. Jennings reported that calls for service were up slightly from last year and response times for Priority 1 and 2 calls were under five minutes. Thefts were high for the month of October with 39 vehicle burglaries reported

Crime statistics for each council district were reviewed. District 1 reports included 23 DUIs and 25 suspicious circumstance calls; District 2 had eight vandalisms and eight burglaries; District 3 had ten DUIs, nine suspicious activity calls, six vandalisms and 12 thefts; District 4 had six DUIs, three suspicious circumstances, eight vandalisms and 18 thefts.

A copy of the complete report can be found on the City's website.

Victim Advocate Report

- 4.1.2 Victim Advocate April Ryce reported on the statistics for the 2010-2011 grant period. Last year, the department worked with primary and secondary victims with the majority of services going to primary victims. She noted that 90% of the victims are female and 6% are male and estimated that the majority of the victims are between the ages of 18 and 44 years.

Ms. Ryce explained that many of the victims she works with have experienced child abuse, sexual abuse, or are DUI victims. The services the City provides include criminal justice support and advocacy, crisis intervention, and counseling. She pointed out that a grant was approved for the current year.

Staff has had the opportunity to attend various trainings and will be hosting the Sexual Assault Response Team Meeting later this month. She is hoping to produce a manual, increase the number of call outs, and expand the volunteer program.

4.2 Monthly Public Works Report

- 4.2.1 Public Works Director Mike Allen, presented the monthly public works report and updated the Council regarding ongoing concrete work, the Park Center Drive lighting and banner project, the East Jordan Canal project and the Storm Water Utility study.

Mr. Allen received information from a resident that felt the street lighting on Top of the World Drive is inadequate. He mapped out the existing lights in the area and found that there are areas that could use additional lighting. Staff also received a request from neighbors in the Meadow Drive area to reinstall a street light, which was removed without the consent of the neighborhood or the city, after it was removed by a resident when he rebuilt his home.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Approval of October 11, and October 25, 2011 Minutes.

5.1.1 The minutes stood approved.

6.0 **ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING AND RECONVENE WORK SESSION IN ROOM 250**

6.1 **MOTION:** Councilman Bracken moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyler and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The business meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.